

"IS THIS. . ."

"... A DREAM,
OR REALITY?"

"HAVING
LOST MY PARENTS
AT AN EARLY AGE, MY
BROTHER WAS MY ONLY
REMAINING
FAMILY."





"MY BROTHER
WAS MY FATHER,
MOTHER, AND
TEACHER."

"WHEN
I HEARD NEWS THAT
THE BOAT HE WAS ON
HAD SUNK..."

THWACK



"...I CRIED
FOR DAYS AND
DAYS."

"BUT NOW
I AM IN THIS



MAGNIFICENT
PLACE..."



"... AND CAN
STAY WITH MY BROTHER,
WHOM I THOUGHT HAD
PASSED AWAY."

"I THOUGHT
THAT MY FATE WAS TO
LIV AN UNHAPPY
LIFE..."



"... BUT
WHAT HAPPINESS
THIS IS."

ALL OF
THIS...

FLUTTER

ALL OF
THE STORIES IN THIS
JOURNAL...

... ARE OF HIS
MEMORIES WITH THE
NAKDONG RIVER



NAKDONG RIVER
DRAGON.

ALL
OF THEM...



THIS
HUMAN...

...TRULY
CONSIDERED
THE NAKDONG RIVER
DRAGON TO BE HIS
BROTHER.

DO YOU
THINK THAT MAKES
SENSE?

THAT SLY
HUMAN WAS PROBABLY
TRICKING HIM TO
SURVIVE!

SHOUT

LIKE IN
"BROTHER
TIGER"?

T-THIS IS
HIS OWN JOURNAL.
HE HAS NO REASON
TO LIE...



WELL...

HUMANS ARE
THE TYPES TO LIE IN
THEIR JOURNALS
TOO...



BUT STILL...
FOR 200 YEARS?

AND
EVERY DAY,
AT THAT?



AH...

IT WOULDN'T
REALLY MAKE SENSE
FOR HIM TO DO
THAT, BUT...



I MEAN,
DOES IT REALLY
MATTER WHETHER
HE THOUGHT THE DRAGON
WAS HIS BROTHER
OR NOT?

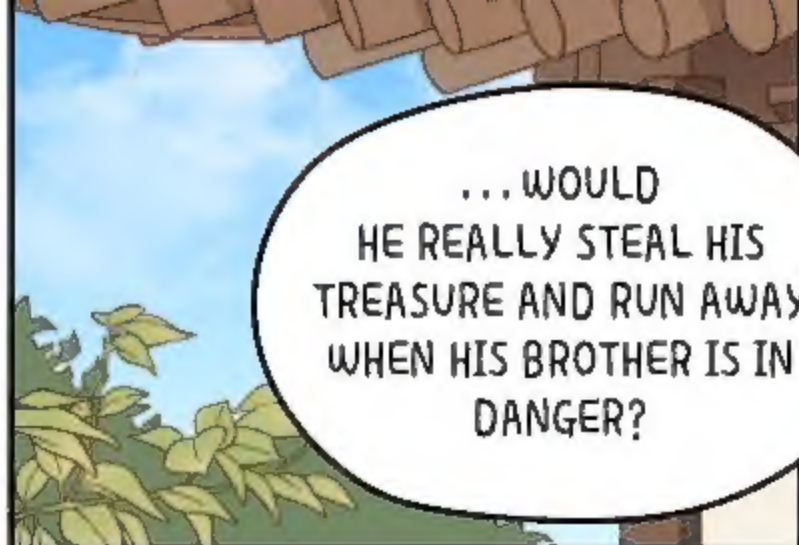
ISN'T IT
MORE IMPORTANT
TO FIND OUT IF HE'S
FROM HAMYANG OR
ANDONG?

IT DOES
MATTER.

IT CHANGES
EVERYTHING.

WHAT?

IF HE
REALLY THOUGHT THE
DRAGON WAS HIS
BROTHER...





SERIOUSLY...

SNAP
OUT OF IT,
BARI!

HUMANS WOULD
ABANDON THEIR OWN
PARENTS AND SIBLINGS IF
THEY WERE IN ANY
KIND OF DANGER
THEMSELVES!

SHUT UP
AND LET'S GO TO
ANDONG!

THE
ORB WILL BE
THERE!



...

(LENCH

ARE
YOU COMING
OR NOT?

UGH,
YOU'RE SO
FRUSTRATING...

FINE!
I'LL GO
MYSELF!

STOMP

STOMP

STOMP

HEY,
I'LL CALL YOU
IF WE FIND IT.
COME QUICK.



Y-YOU'RE
GOING TO ANDONG
TOO?

MIRI'S
NOT WRONG.



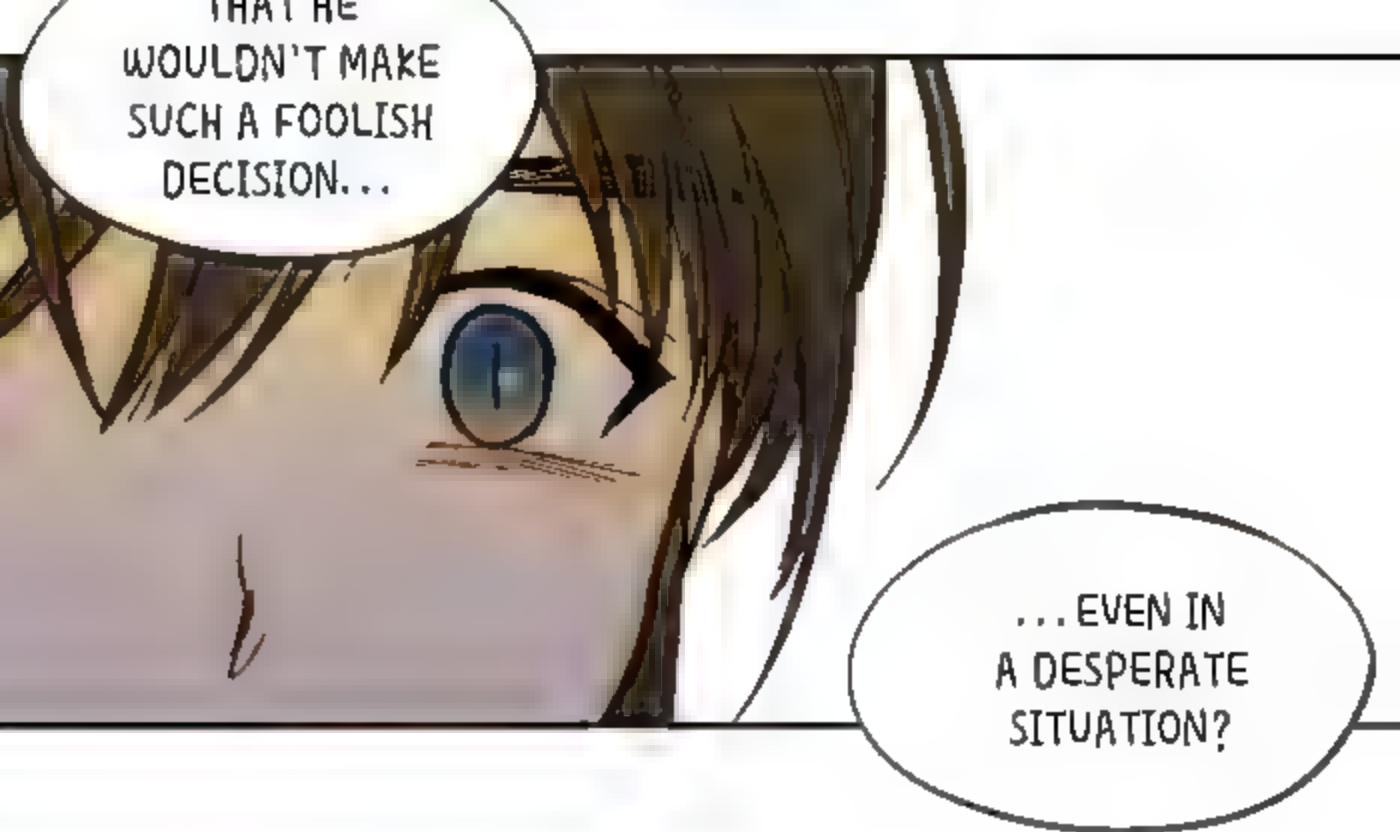
WHY WOULDN'T
HUMANS ABANDON THEIR
PARENTS AND SIBLINGS?
THEY ABANDON THEIR
CHILDREN TOO.

HEY,
WAIT...

DON'T BE
SO PESSIMISTIC...







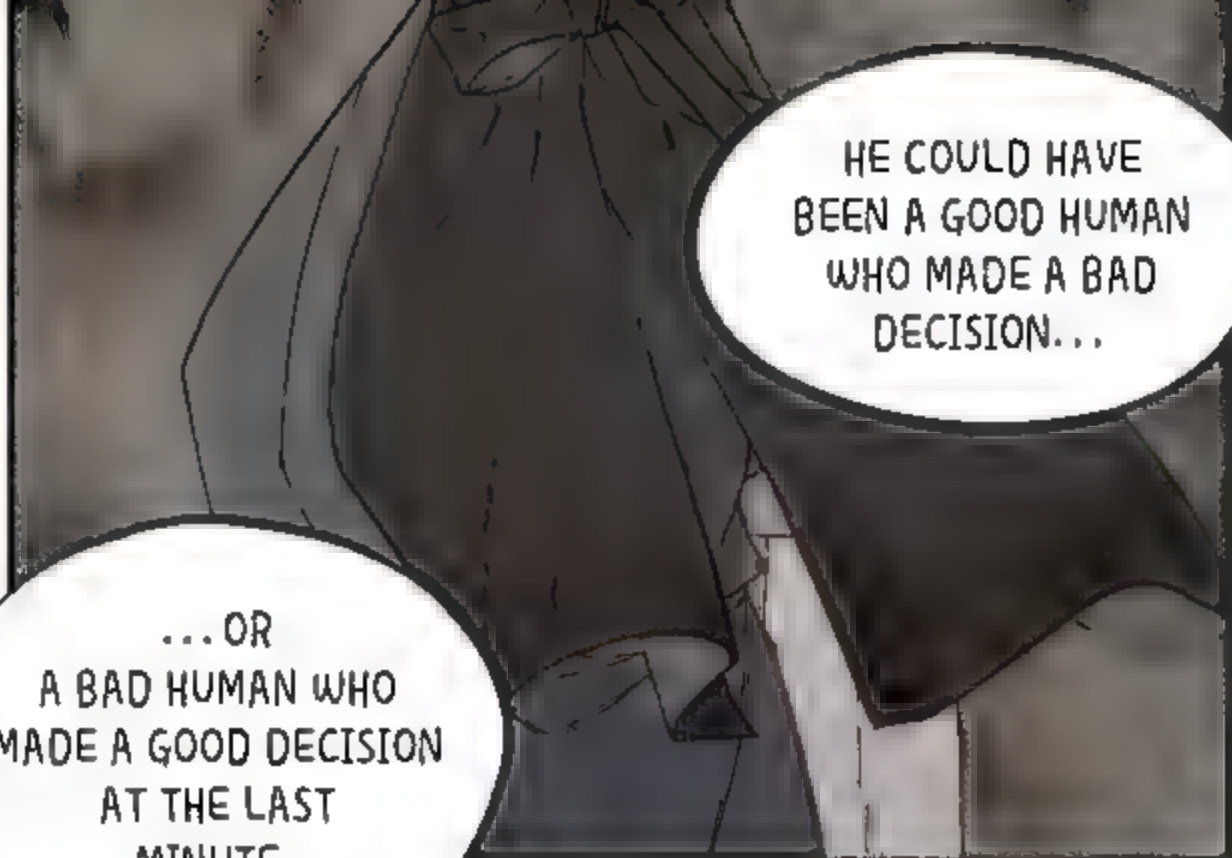


HE REALLY
COUD HAVE TRIED TO
SAVE HIS BROTHER SINCE
HE LOVED HIM
SO MUCH...

...OR HE COULD
HAVE BEEN A BORN LIAR
AND LIED TO THE DRAGON AND
HIMSELF WHILE LIVING
IN THE DRAGON
PALACE...

...AND
BETRAYED HIS SAVIOR
BECAUSE HE WANTED
MONEY AND
POWER.





HE COULD HAVE
BEEN A GOOD HUMAN
WHO MADE A BAD
DECISION...

...OR
A BAD HUMAN WHO
MADE A GOOD DECISION
AT THE LAST
MINUTE.



H-HUH?

THERE
ARE TOO MANY
POSSIBILITIES.



I'M SAYING
THAT WE SHOULDN'T
PUT ALL OF OUR EGGS
IN ONE BASKET.



SO.

WHERE
DO YOU WANT TO
GO LOOK?

HOW TO BECOME A DRAGON

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THE ROYAL
VILLA?

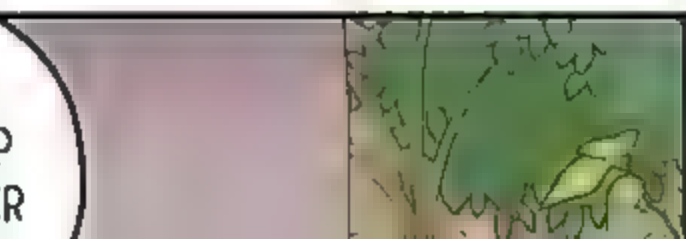
YES. YOU
MIGHT KNOW FROM
THAT TIME WE SAW
DAMSEOL,

BUT
THE ROYAL
VILLA IS WHERE
DRAGONS GO TO
RECOVER.



IN HUMAN
TERMS, IT'S LIKE
A HOSPITAL.

IF THAT HUMAN
INTENDED TO HELP
THE NAKDONG RIVER



DRAGON...

STEP

...WOULDN'T HE
HAVE GONE TO THE ROYAL
VILLA, WHICH IS WHERE
DRAGONS GO TO HEAL
THEMSELVES?

UNDERNEATH
THE DRAGON'S
BED...

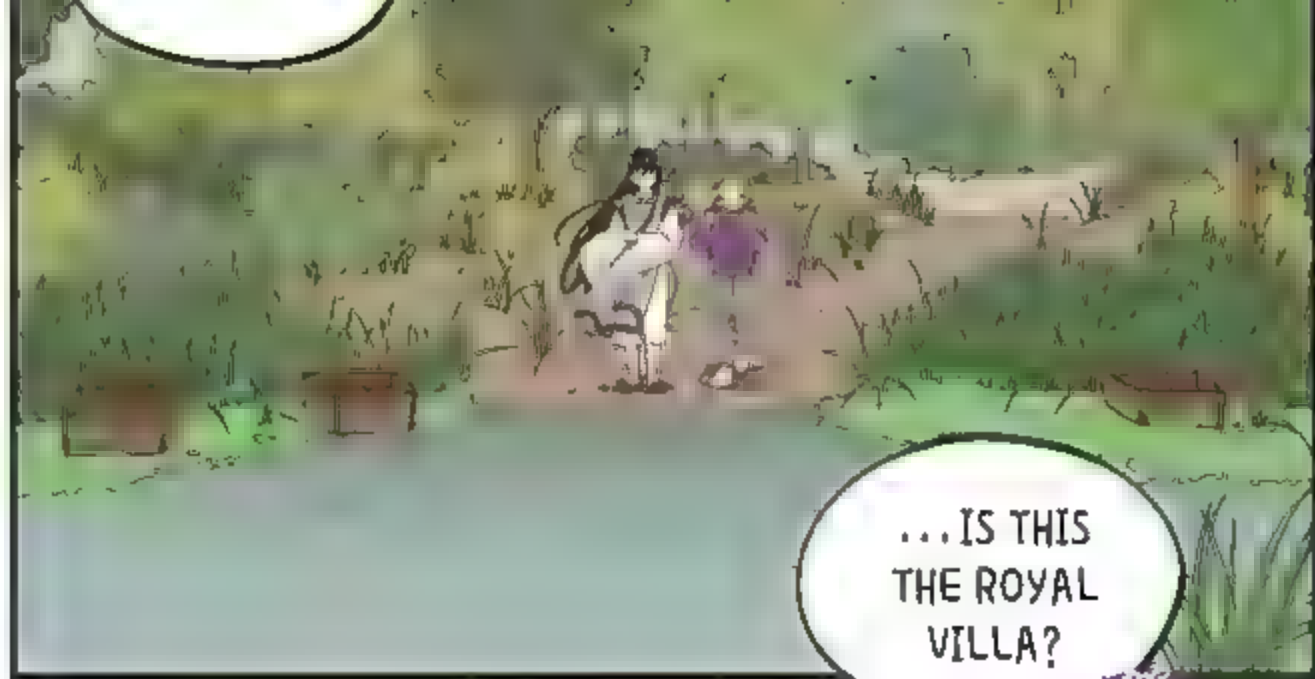
...JAHYEON
FOUND A LADDER LEADING
TO A CAVED-IN
TUNNEL.

EVEN
IF THE HUMAN AVOIDED
DEATH BY HOLDING
THE ORB,

HE WOULDN'T
HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
BREATHE OUTSIDE OF
THE DRAGON
PALACE.

HE PROBABLY
USED THE SECRET
TUNNEL TO GET OUT OF
THE WATER AND THEN GO
TO THE ROYAL
VILLA.

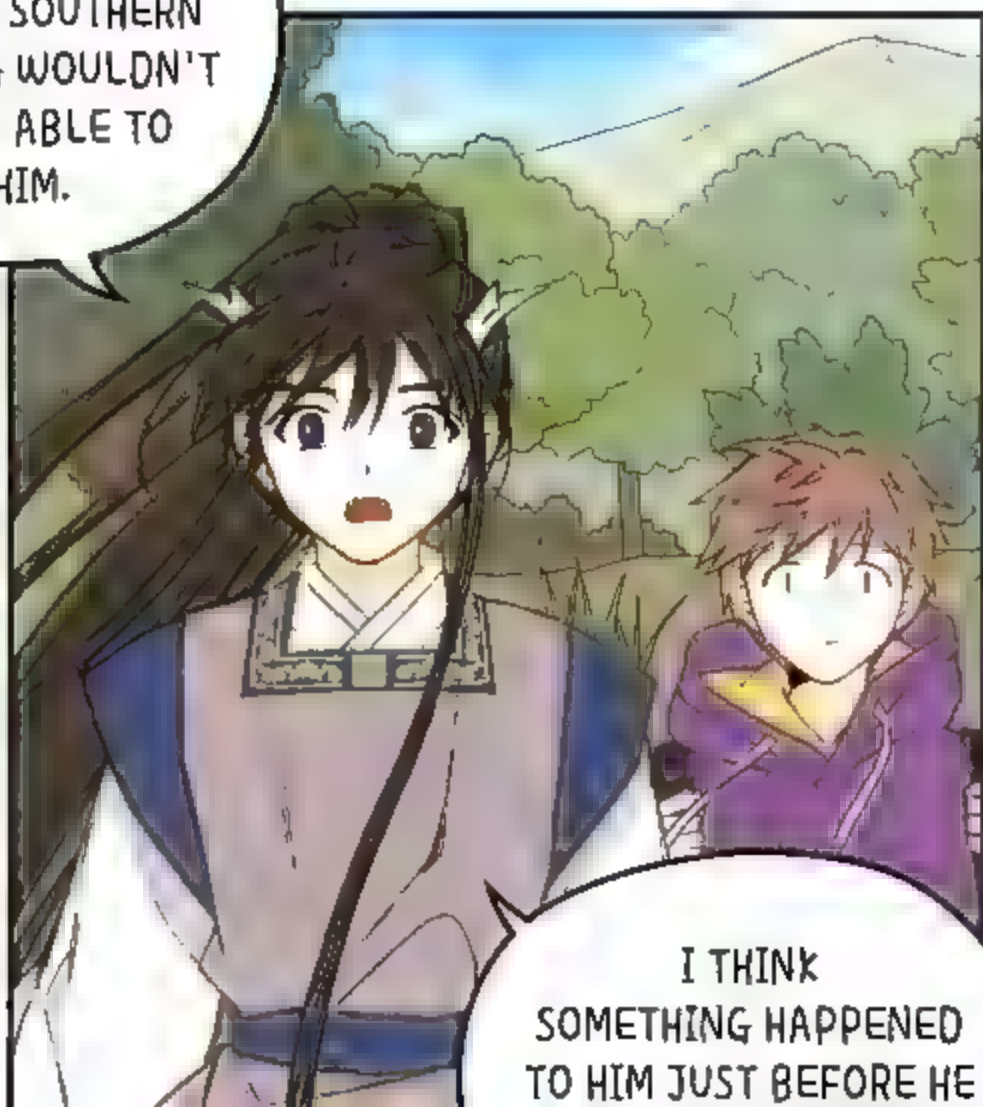
SO...



... IS THIS
THE ROYAL
VILLA?

*IS THIS
A SWAMP?*

BUT IF
HE WAS IN THE
ROYAL VILLA, THERE'S
NO WAY THE SOUTHERN
DRAGON KING WOULDN'T
HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
FIND HIM.



I THINK
SOMETHING HAPPENED
TO HIM JUST BEFORE HE

WAS ABLE TO ENTER
THE WATER.

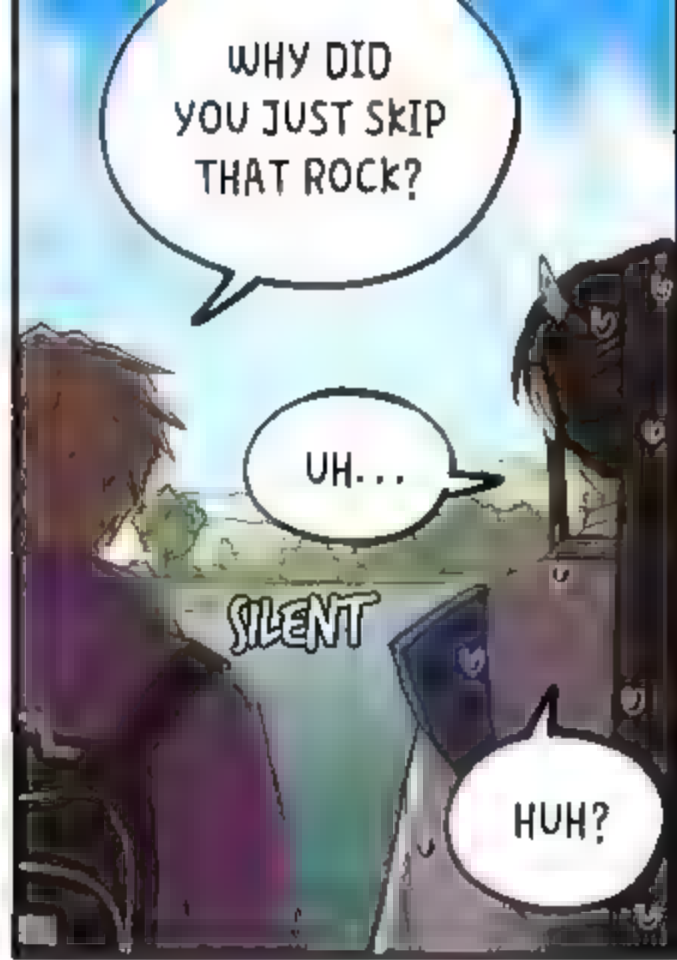
THE RIVER IS
UNPREDICTABLE...

(LACK

...AND
ITS GUARDS MUST
HAVE BEEN ON FULL
ALERT.

THEY MUST HAVE
WITNESSED...





CREATURES IN THE
MAIN PALACE DIED,
RIGHT?

THEY
MUST HAVE ALL
DIED HERE,
TOO.

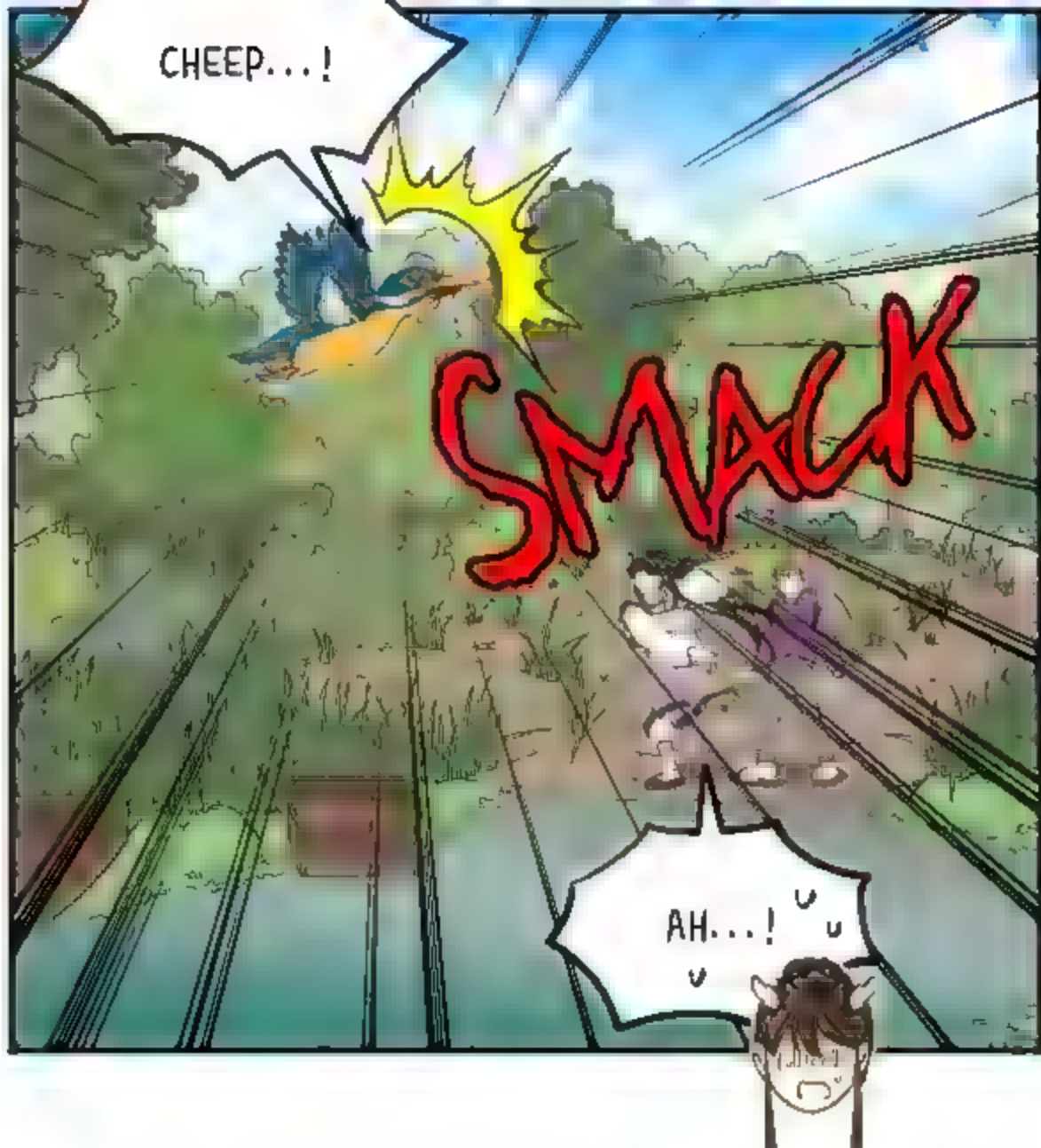
I MEAN,
EVEN THE ONES
AT THE ROYAL
VILLA? U U

CDI ACH

THERE'S U
NOT EVEN ONE
U LEFT...? U

CDI ACH

CDI ACH





POKE //

POKE



IT'S
NOT DEAD,
IS IT...?

N-NO...
IT'S BREATHING...

EVEN AFTER
IT GOT HIT BY THAT
GIANT ROCK...?

POKE

POKE





NO...

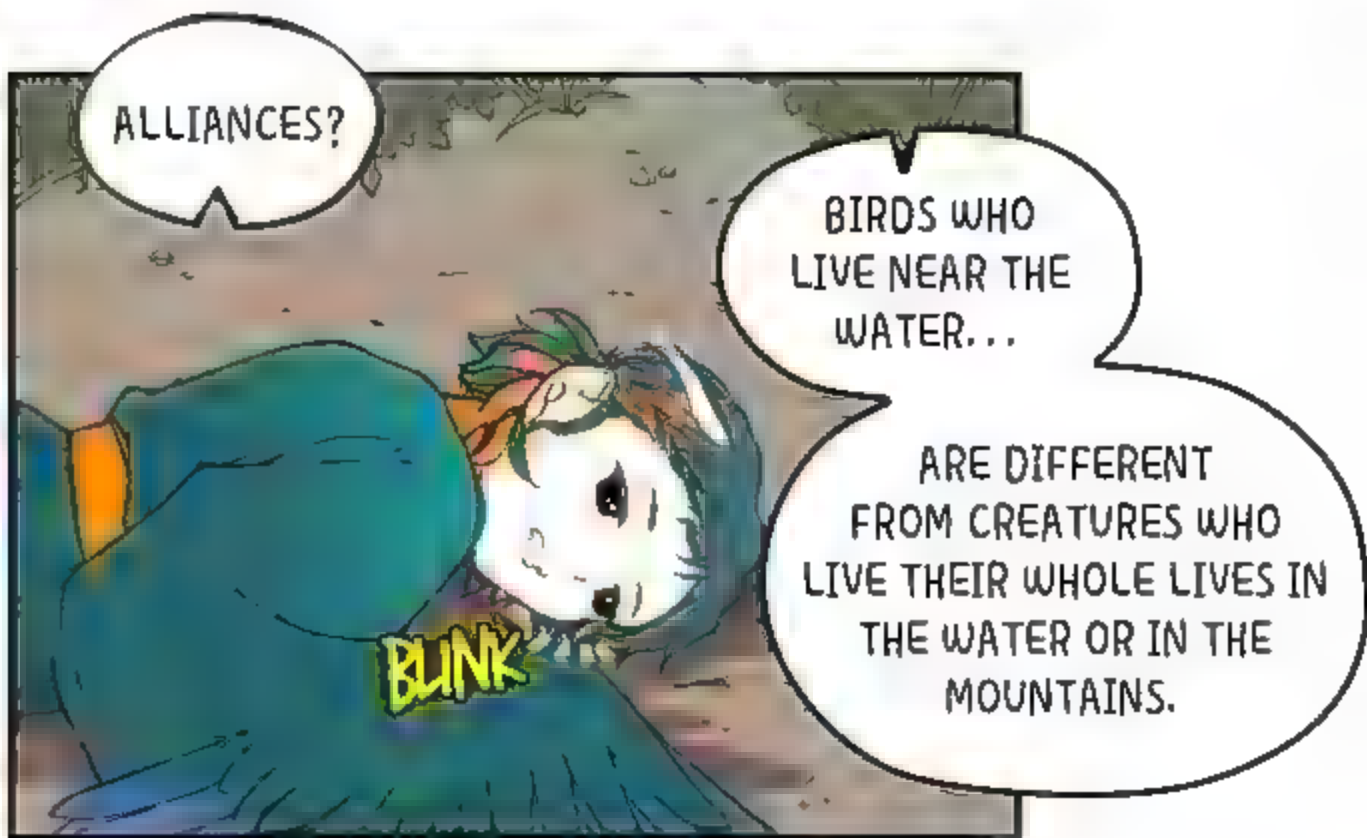
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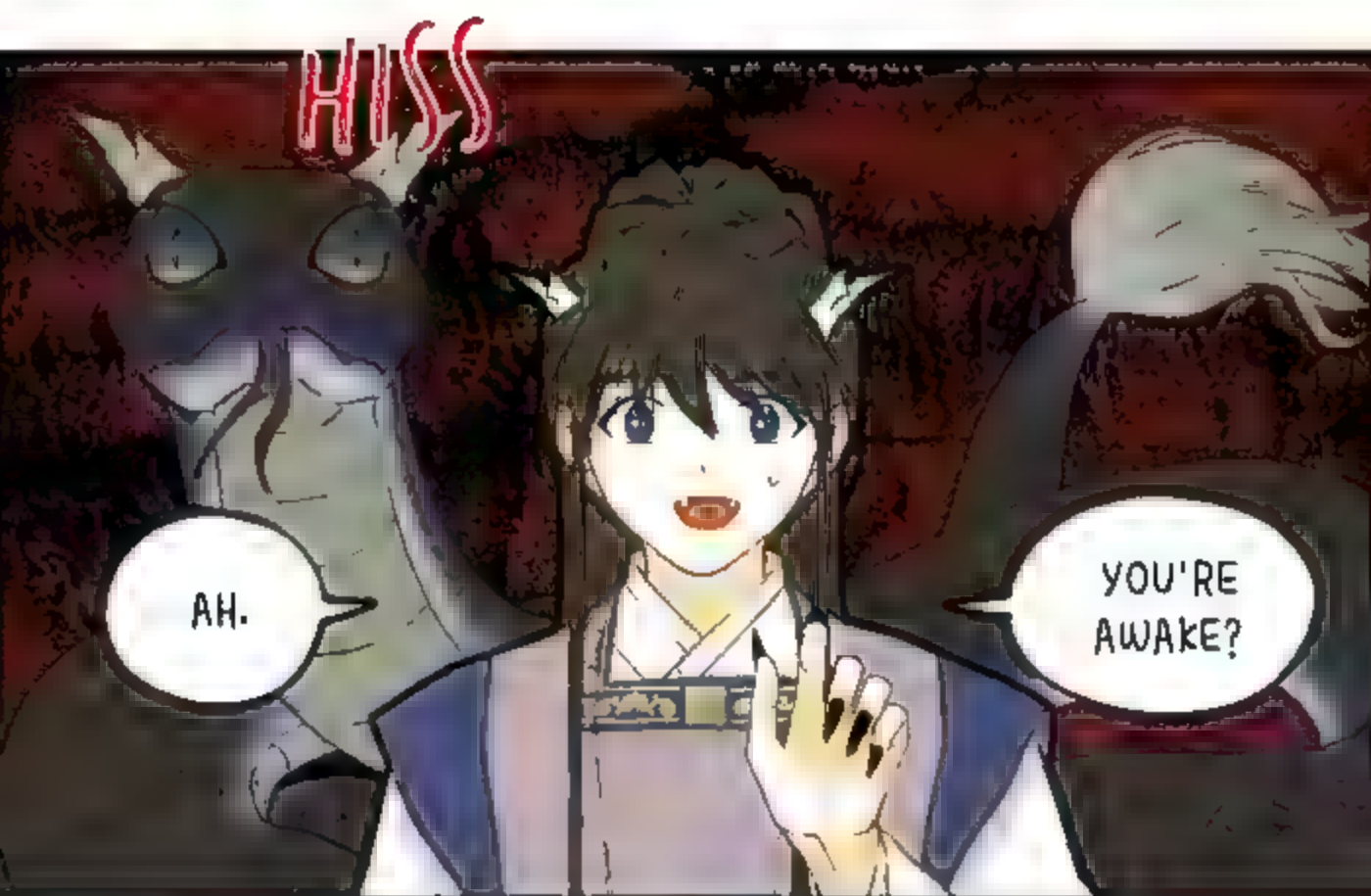
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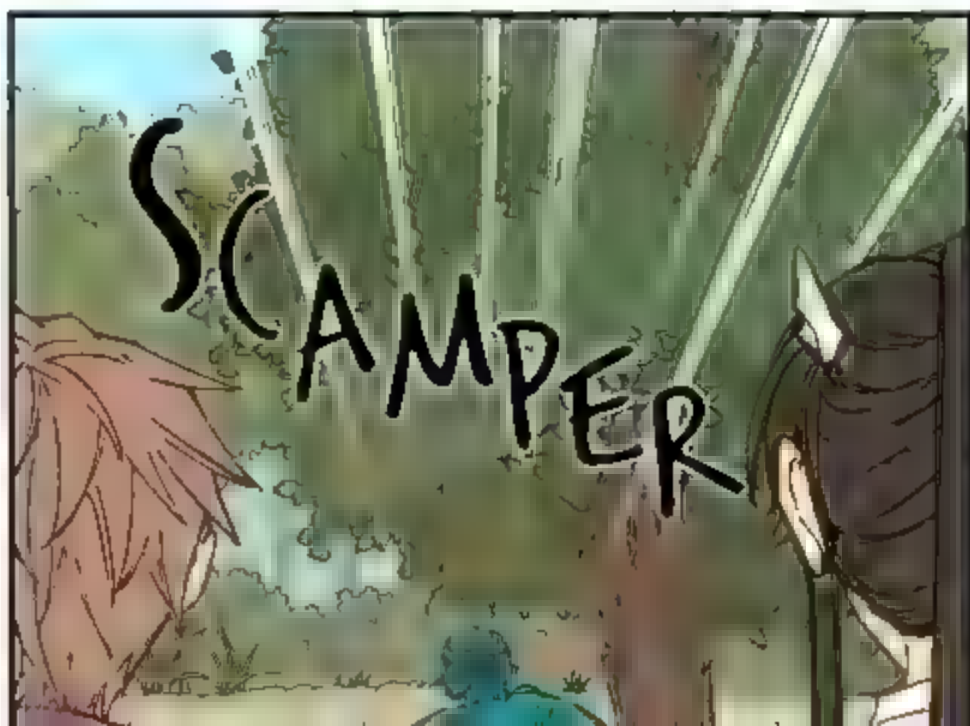
SHE HAS WINGS.
IS SHE A MOUNTAIN
SPIRIT?

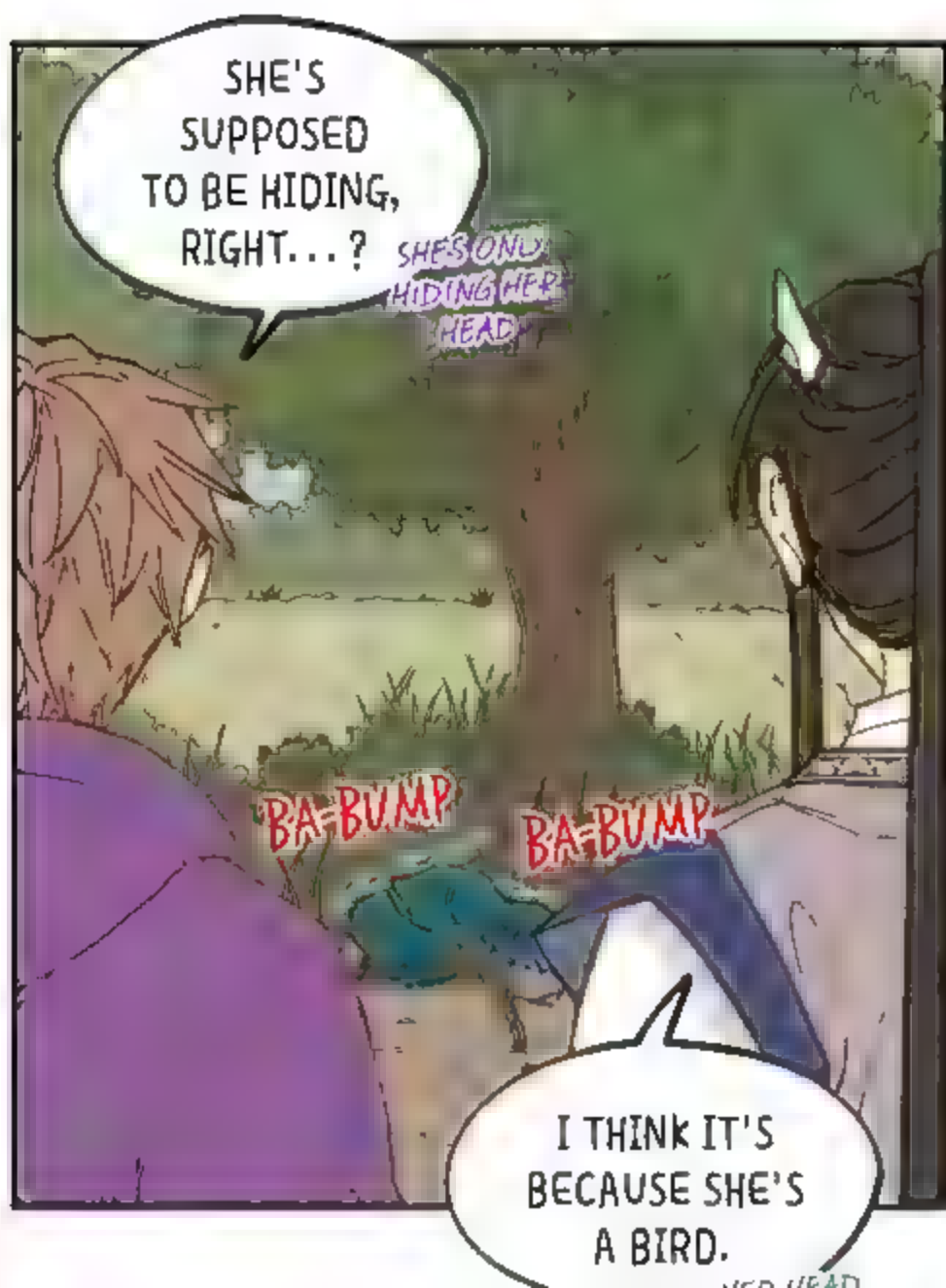
SEEING
AS HOW HER HUMAN
FORM IS IMPERFECT, SHE
MUST BE ANOTHER
CREATURE.

I'M NOT
SURE WHERE HER
ALLIANCES
LIE.











W-WHY IS
A THOUSAND-YEAR
SNAKE...

A-ALL
THE WAY OVER
HERE... ?

WHAT BRINGS
YOU HERE?

TREMBLE TREMBLE

A-AS
YOU CAN SEE,
I AM SICKLY
AND THIN.

TREMBLE

I'VE LIVED
OVER 400 YEARS,
SO MY MUSCLES ARE
TOUGH AND WOULD
NOT BE TASTY.

400 YEARS...
IN THIS PLACE?

Y-YES...



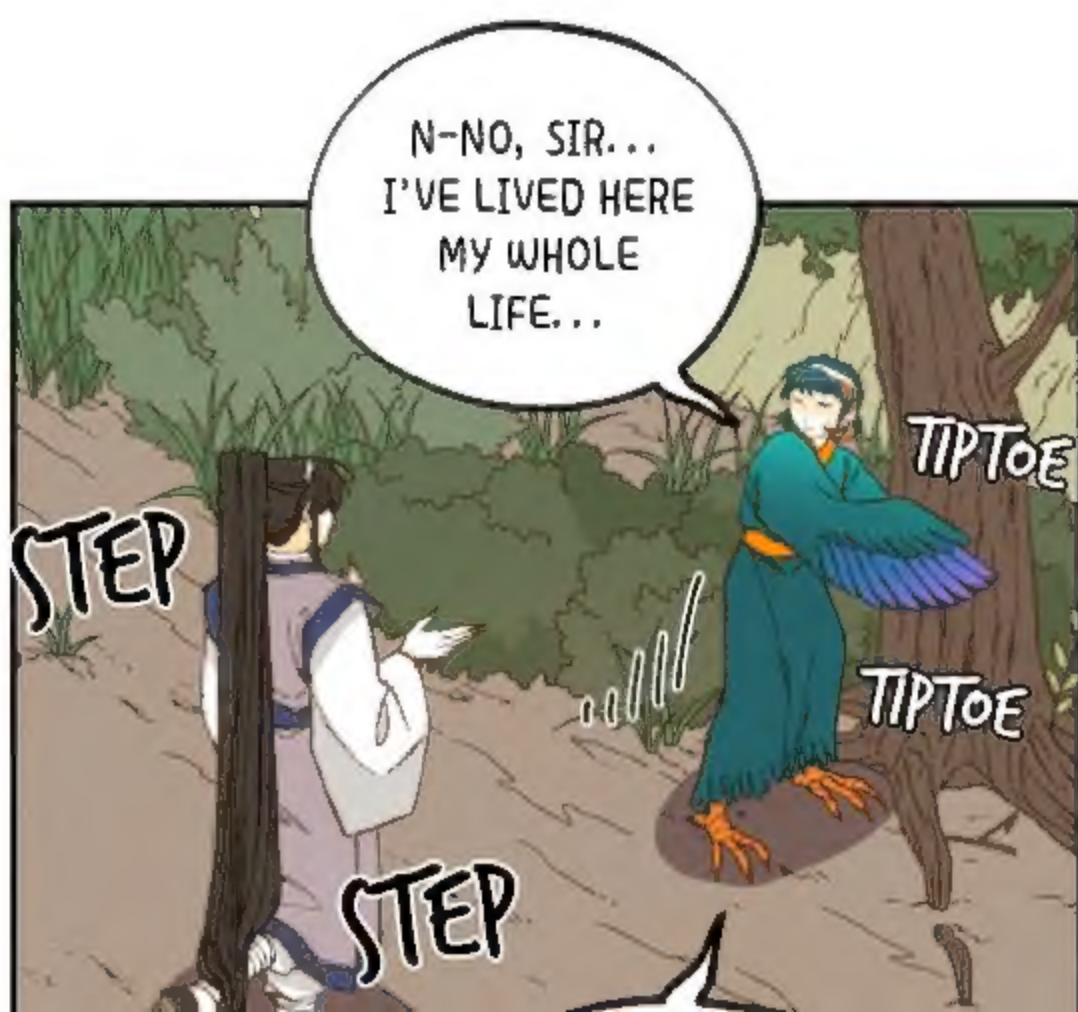
THEN...
HAVE YOU SEEN
A SUSPICIOUS HUMAN
AROUND HERE
BEFORE?





A HUMAN
CARRYING THE
NAKDONG RIVER
DRAGON'S
ORB!

HE LIKELY
DIED HERE. DO YOU
KNOW ANYTHING
ABOUT HIM?



N-NO, SIR...
I'VE LIVED HERE
MY WHOLE
LIFE...

STEP

STEP

TIPTOE

TIPTOE

